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thereof of at least 8 contiguous amino acids and a fragment of at least one other growth factor from the
TGF- β superfamily. [the pan-growth factor of claim 11.]

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15. An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule or nucleic acid molecule complementary to ~~any~~ CENTER 1600/2000

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thereto comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an artemin amino acid sequence or a conservatively substituted variant thereof [a growth factor of claim 1] or a fragment of said nucleotide sequence consisting of at least 15 contiguous nucleotides.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

After page 71 of the application, please insert the accompanying Sequence Listing pages 1-37.

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 15 have been redrafted as independent claims. Claims 12, and 15 - 27 are in the case. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the Restriction/Election requirement, Applicants note that claims 2 - 10, 13, 14 and 28 - 38 were cancelled on the third page (Section 8) of the New Application Transmittal filed December 24, 1998. Therefore, it is believed that only claims 1, 11, 12 and 15 - 27 are pending in the case. Accordingly, Applicants elect Group II claims 12 and 15-27 for prosecution.

This submission provides enclosed herewith a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form and a corresponding paper copy of the Sequence Listing along with this amendment directing its entry into the specification. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to Comply. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) and 1.821(g), the undersigned attorney hereby states that the contents of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and that this submission includes no new matter.

Should any questions arise or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate the examination of this application, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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